

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA  
PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC213 Business Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2022**

Date: October 12, 2022  
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar  
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris  
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Gil, Rob, Maurice  
Members Present:  
Meeting Called to Order at 7:40pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC212**

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of October 12, 2022.

Moved: Gil                      Seconded: Rob                      Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- Meeting with Rotary Club on Tuesday, November 22.

**b. Vice President (Maurice)**

- See Media relations report.

**c. Secretary (Glen)**

- Processed mail as required.
- Submitted the 2022 Gaming Account Summary Report
- Submitted the 2022 Registered Charities Tax Return.
- Preparing the 2022-2023 gaming grant request.

**d. Treasurer (Glen)**

- CWB account balances as of 2022-10-31
  - General Account Balance    \$9987.31
  - \$5000 of the General Account balance is restricted for removal of the Tabor Mountain observatory.
  - Gaming Account Balance    \$241.15
  - \$7162.60 of the \$8500 Robotic Telescope Project budget has been spent.
- RASC sent us a second shipment of 25 calendars in error. Fortunately, I've been able to sell 13. They are being offered for sale at the observatory, but I have some at home if you wish to purchase any. [g\\_harris@telus.net](mailto:g_harris@telus.net)
- Discrepancies in the two RASC calendar invoices have been referred to the RASC Publications Department.

- Maurice to contact contractors regarding reimbursement for returned roofing material and revised labour costs.

#### **e. National Representative Report (Rob)**

- Problems with multiple calendar shipments to RASC Centres continue. An IT specialist has been brought on board to assist in resolving several outstanding software issues.

#### **4. Reports of Committees, including any motions from the Committees**

##### **Webmaster Report –Glen**

- Website is being updated regularly.
- Open house presentations for the month of November are posted.
- I'd like to have a list of February presentations so I can post them in January.

##### **Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Rob**

- Software inventory was done on Alcyone.
- Working on securing the network and Wi-Fi.

##### **Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen**

- StarBlast Telescope 5 requires collimation. The focuser is binding.

##### **0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen**

- The sky needs to be mapped to improve locating stellar objects. The present condition results in delays centering objects for the public to view. Tracking is accurate.

##### **Grounds and Building Report - Glen**

- The dome can only be moved using the grey control box. Will troubleshoot when the weather warms up.

##### **Media Relations Report – Maurice and Malhar**

- Our Night Sky features being recorded remotely and MP3 file e-mailed to CFIS, for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.

##### **Outreach – Glen**

- A total of 130 visitors attended the five Public Open Houses in October.
- Two tours resulted in 15 visitors.
- Good volunteer attendance.
- Craft table set up for children.
- CKPGTV interview.

#### **5. Old Business**

- PinPoint Astrometrics program purchased.
- Install ACP for polar alignment and sky mapping.
- Collaborating with Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) for up to \$15K grant funding.
- Collaborate with UNBC, CNC, local schools, and the Native Friendship Centre.
- Road trip to Tabor observatory made. Looking for another contractor for the demolition.

## **6. New Business**

- Tabor Mountain Observatory demolition deferred to next year.
- Main telescope to be called the 'Bob Nelson Telescope' with a plaque commemorating his many years of service with the Prince George Astronomical Society.

## **7. Date, Time, and Location of the next Business meeting**

- The next business meeting PGC214 will be held on Wednesday December 14, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday December 11, 2022.

## **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.